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SEMICONDUCTOR AND A METHOD
OF ATTACHING
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2000, having a reply due date of February 22, 2001. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

21. (Amended) A spring element comprising a plurality of elastomeric threads interwoven with [and a] conductive threads [member].

Please cancel claims 22-24.

Please add the following new claim:

74. A spring element according to claim 21, further comprising a layer of conductive material formed over an elastic member.

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